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## WINTER CARNIVAL 2024 RECAP

Written by Kaleb Shoemate

We danced, we lip-synced, we painted, we played volleyball, Mariners - we did it ALL. And boy, did it sure pay off. Winter Carnival 2024 was an immense success.

This year's theme was Board Games! Seniors chose Sorry, Juniors chose Monopoly, Sophomores chose Clue, and the Freshman chose Trouble! It was an action-packed week with some cutthroat competition. Kicking off the week with Powerpuff Volleyball, the Seniors went up against the Sophomores, and the Juniors went against the Freshmen. The Seniors and Juniors both moved onto the championship, respectively. The Sophomores and Freshman had a losers match-up, where the Sophomores ultimately took the victory and secured 3rd place in Boys Volleyball. The Championship game was a real nail-biter. While the Juniors originally had the lead, the Seniors were able to come out on top and secure the victory.

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# STUDENT LIFE

## REPS & MOCK ROCK



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Along with Powerpuff Volleyball, students also voted for their 2024 Winter Carnival representatives and also hung their banners! Representing the Freshman class were **Morgan Erway** and **Christian Erlandson**. Representing the Sophomore class were **Alayna Edmondson** and **Miles Joseph**. Representing the Junior class were **Audrey Huizinga** and **Christian Schramski**. Representing the Senior class were **Jayna Edmondson** and **Nick Hornkohl**. The King and Queen were crowned at half-time of Friday's Basketball matchup against Oakridge. More on the banners, the Sophomores took an unfortunate loss and took 4th place in banners, Freshmen took 3rd, Seniors took 2nd, and of course, the Juniors took 1st.

On Tuesday, we had a battle of the Country. Students chose their best variation of either Country or Country Club. Winning the dress-up day, were the Seniors. Also on Tuesday, was the beloved tradition of Mock Rock! Students took to the stage after weeks of practice, to show the audience what they had created. The Freshman class did their spin on some "Dance Moms" skits, among other things. The Sophomores showed us that they know how to DANCE! The Juniors demonstrated a newly developed theme of Mock Rock, that has yet to be introduced, an interesting take with limited participation. And the beloved Seniors took to the stage with a Pitch Perfect number, a shirtless Nick Hornkohl, and lots and lots of dancing, an overall incredible farewell from the Class of 2024. **Mya Ziehm (11)** commented, "I loved the seniors Pitch Perfect." **Morgan Erway (9)** had a more personal reflection and noted "I liked how everything came together in the end. It was a rocky process trying to figure everything out, but it was so fun and a great experience at the end."



Taking home the gold for Mock Rock were the Seniors, followed by the Sophomores, then the Juniors, tailed by the Freshmen. It was an incredible experience overall, and if you're hesitant to join, I can personally tell you, that you'll regret it terribly if you don't join. It was truly an amazing and rewarding experience.



# WC CONTINUED...

Following Mock Rock on Wednesday, the red carpet flowed, as celebrities lined the hallway on Celebrity Day. Taking home the award was the Seniors! Also on Wednesday an assembly took place, where Class Reps competed in games against each other, and the championship powerpuff game, commenced. Thursday, students had a lowkey day, to gear up for the big game. Thursday's dress-up day was Jersey Day, once again, won by the Seniors. Friday was comprised of Blue and Gold Day, won by the Sophomores, and one final Winter Carnival 2024 assembly! A game of scavenger hunt musical chairs, a TikTok dance-off, and so much more.

Concluding Winter Carnival 2024 was the basketball match-up of the Varsity Mariner Boys Basketball team and the Boys Oakridge Eagles. It was an intense action-packed game, but unfortunately, the Mariners fell to the Eagles. At halftime, the winners of Winter Carnival 2024 were announced. After a combination of totals from heated competition over the week, it was announced that the Class of 2024, the Seniors, had secured their 1st place position, and a big win. The Class of 2026 came in 2nd, the Class of 2025 came in 3rd, and the Class of 2027 came in 4th.



WC KING AND QUEEN NICK AND JAYNA

On Saturday, students gathered at MMHS for the annual Winter Carnival Dance. Presented by the Freshman class, they had DJ Kott on the turntable, spouting out tunes all night long! **Amelia Vasquez (12)** mentioned, "There weren't a lot of people there, but we managed to have fun!" Overall, it was an incredibly intense week. And we hope you enjoyed it to the fullest with your classmates. If you haven't yet, get involved! You'll regret it, if you don't!



These past few years, **Senior Colin Edmondson** has applied this to his interest in conducting “mocktails” and creative cooking pursuits. He became interested in cooking activities when he was a freshman in high school. At first he was just making boxed kraft macaroni and cheese, and adding the occasional spice or alteration to the recipe to make it unique. Then Colin took a cooking class here at the high school and the next year began the Culinary program through CTE. Immediately his skills and experience skyrocketed.

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Because Colin is passionate about this hobby, and quite good at it, he decided to create an Instagram account to show off his skills. When scrolling through @colindoesdrinks viewers can see his real specialty is exotic mixed drinks. Colin creates various versions of non-alcoholic cocktails using water, juice, sugar, and other flavorings.



Recently, Colin has expanded the photos he posts to include food pictures. He said this shift came with an increase in confidence and ability with his classes and is excited to see the food images have received just as much attention as his fancy drinks.

When asked if becoming a mixologist or chef is part of Colin’s plan he said “The initial dream was to become a mixologist, that bit was clear. But as we grow, our dreams do too. Now, I hope to own a semi successful beverage company, a bar & grill, and maybe become a mixologist.”



Colin would like to reiterate to readers that **“If you find something you enjoy, then it is something worth putting effort towards.”**



## STUDENT LIFE CONTINUED



## VISIT THE TEEN CENTER!!!

*Written by Ceci Postma*

Pre Valentine's Day Event: **Tuesday February 6th**, at the Manistee Teen Center (the Rec Center at Sands Park), from **3pm to 5pm**, for Food, Cookie Decorating, Card Making and More!



REMINDER: the Rec Center at Sands Park is Monday-Saturday from 3-7PM for games, snacks, and socializing! Due to recent warm temperatures, ice skating is not available at this time but will start back up if weather permits!

## S.A.D.D. RING POP SALE

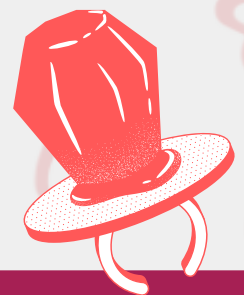
*Written by Kaleb Shoemate*

MMS SADD now selling Valentine Ring Pops during all lunches.

A dollar a piece, they will be handed out in Crew Time on Valentine's Day.



Support MMS SADD!



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: AMELIA VASQUEZ

Written by Jayna Edmondson

In honor of the seniors' final semester here at MMHS, each week one male and one female senior will be randomly selected to be senior of the week. For the first week of this newest addition, the first two seniors that were chosen were Annika Haag and Grayson Prince!!



## What are your plans after highschool?

- After graduation I'm going to go to West Shore for my first 2 years then if I can transfer to a bigger college

## What activities have you been involved in at MMHS?

- I've been involved in Theater and almost all of the fall plays!

## What is your favorite memory at MMHS so far?

- 100% mock rock this year especially the seniors!

## Who has been your favorite teacher at MMHS?

- Ms. Starmann

## Whats one interesting fact about you?

- I was born in California

## What are you excited to do before you graduate in the spring?

- Going to New York with my friends

## Whats some advice you would give to an underclassmen?

- Participate in everything. I regret not participating in mock rock after I saw how much fun everyone had!



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: JAYDEN KOLK

*Written by Jayna Edmondson*



## What are your plans after highschool?

- I plan on continuing to work at North Channel Brewery, as I am already one of the chef there.

## What activities have you been involved in at MMHS?

- Everyday I do maintenance with custodians. And also once a week I go around with the Coffee Cart to each of the teachers.

## What's one interesting fact about you?

- I'm a talented cook, and I really enjoy cooking for people.

## What is your favorite memory at MMHS so far?

- When Joe Oberlin did the gymnastics game during the Winter Carnival assembly two years ago. I thought it was really funny when he took off his shirt.

## What are you excited to do before you graduate in the spring?

- I am always excited to sleep, but I also want to keep doing more good work around here and keep this place clean for everyone.

## What's some advice you would give to an underclassmen?

- I know it gets hard, but you always have friends and family who can help, and care about you.

## Who has been your favorite teacher at MMHS?

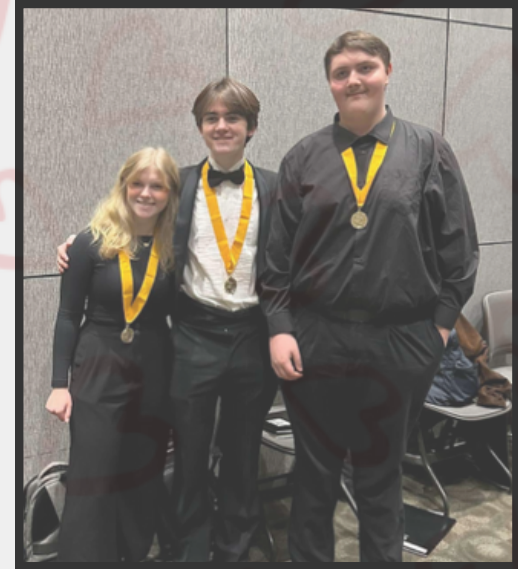
- Ms. Johnson



# MSBOA BAND ALL-STATE

Written by Marina Reid

From January 24th to 26th, musicians **Tristan Gras (12)**, **Jack O'Donnell (12)**, and **Sarah Huber (11)** all had the opportunity of attending the prestigious MSBOA All-State event. This annual gathering is a celebration of the most distinguished musicians in the state of Michigan, where students are selected for ensembles based on their performances during a recorded audition. With approximately 2,500 people auditioning for just 400 seats across five middle and high school ensembles, the standards are high. Those who were selected meet in January for two and a half days of rehearsal with nationally recognized conductors, eventually performing the rehearsed pieces in the Devos Performance Hall. **O'Donnell** and **Huber** were both selected to be first and second chair in the High School Orchestra, the most prestigious ensemble offered. The performance pieces were outstanding, with the orchestra delivering renditions of "Conga del Fuego Nuevo" and "Symphony No. 5 (Shostakovich)".



For **Jack**, this marked his 5th consecutive year participating in All-State, he exclaims; "It was a very cool experience overall and I always enjoy going down to Grand Rapids and rehearsing at the DeVos Hall. I was always happy to be a part of it, especially these past two years because I was selected to be in the orchestra. There is no orchestra in Manistee, so it was a very unique experience playing with string instruments, but I enjoyed it a lot. I am sad that it was my final year, but I am so glad that I got to take part in it for as long as I did." **Tristan** was selected as 3rd chair in the concert band, and it was his first year having the opportunity to go to All-State. He says "It was very stressful but definitely a valuable experience, it was a good look into how more talented bands rehearse and perform." The dedication these students have towards music is inspiring, congratulations Jack, Sarah, and Tristan for your demonstration of musical excellence!





# STAFF OF THE WEEK: ALVIN RISCHEL



*Written by Kaleb Shoemate*

This week's Staff Spotlight is newly promoted Head Coach of the Mariner Football Team, Coach Rischel. We are extremely excited to get to know a little more about Coach Rischel. If you see him around, be sure to tell him congratulations on his new position! We are eager to watch him grow the football team! We interviewed Coach Rischel in hopes of getting to know him a little bit more, here are our questions and his responses!

## **How long have you been involved with football?**

- I have been involved with high school football for 29 years (4 as a player and 25 as a coach.) I played Wide Receiver, Linebacker, and Defensive Back in high school for the Brethren Bobcats. I have coached at every middle/high school level. I am entering my 30th season altogether.



## **How long have you worked for MAPS?**

- I have been a member of the MAPS Football Coaching Staff since early 2018.

## **What are you most excited about for future seasons?**

- I am most excited to continue working with the players that I have coached over the past several years. I hope to help them improve and obtain the goals that we will set for our team as a whole.

## **What do you consider to be "up north"?**

- Absolutely nothing south of Manistee

## **Does ranch go with pizza?**

- Although my daughter, Aubrey, would disagree...ranch on MY pizza is a HARD PASS!



## CONFERENCE WRESTLING MEET

*Written by Kate Somsel*

This previous Friday, February 2nd, the Mariners' wrestling team traveled to Whitehall High School, where they competed at a conference meet. Some teams in the West Michigan Conference include state finalists like Hart High School and hosts Whitehall.



Due to injuries, the Mariners were down to just seven people who were able to compete. Despite the injuries, multiple other Mariners were able to place in their weight classes. **Hailey Johnson (11)** placed second and stated that “the team did pretty good even though we didn’t have a lot of people.” Adding onto Hailey, other people who placed, including **Ava Pike (11)**, took third, **Eli Fulton (11)** grabbed fifth, **Joey Banicki (12)** got second, and **Gege Hansen (10)** placed fourth. Other wrestlers include **Josh Hayes (10)** and **Leo Rios De Arce (11)**.

Wrestling Coach Logan Bond voiced how “the day started off slow, but we finished it better than we started it. We had multiple people place, which was good despite only having seven competitors because of injuries.” The team competes in districts on Wednesday, February 7th, against Kingsley and TC St. Francis. The boys have regionals this upcoming Friday, and the girls on February 18th. If you pass any Manistee Wrestlers in the hall, wish them luck at their upcoming meets!



# REGIONAL POWERLIFTING MEET!!

*Written by Jayna Edmondson*

Despite hundreds of athletes participating in this regional competition many Mariners still had standout performances, and medaled at this meet in Mariner Gymnasium. **Isaiah Davis (12)** finished in first place in his weight class, beating the rest of his competition by over 270 pounds. **Kaden Kott (11)** also won his weight class. **Alex Aldridge (11)** also placed high in his weight class. Overall, the Mariner boys team took 5th place, out of 28 varsity teams competing.



On the girls side, the Mariners did not have any varsity lifters, however, there were three girls who competed in the junior varsity competition. Both **Gracie Pruyne (10)** and **River Blair (10)** finished in first place in their weight classes. **Aubrey Nickleson (11)** also placed second in her division.

Senior Captain **Isaiah Davis** says "Overall, I think we could have done a lot better as a team. Because of Winter Carnival, many lifters didn't finish their lifts, if they would have finished their lifts we could have gotten a lot more team points, and placed higher overall. But, individually I hit a personal record in total weight, which is 1410, in the 242 pound weight class."



# MARINERS SKI TO VICTORY

*Written by Marina Reid*

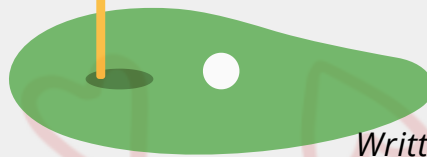
On Thursday, February 1st, our Manistee skiers— **Luke Smith (12)**, **Braydon Sorenson (12)**, **Alejandra Gil (10)**, and **Annika Haag (12)** —traveled to Cabrafae Peaks to compete at the Cadillac Invite. There is a large number of teams in the area that contribute to the team, including; Onekama, Manistee, Bear Lake, Brethren, McBain, and Pine River. During the meet, each team competes in two events, Slalom and GS (Giant Slalom). The Slalom event consists of taking tight turns on a zigzag course between flags, whereas GS takes much wider turns.

The Boys secured an impressive 2nd place overall, led by captain **Luke Smith**, who placed 13th in Slalom and 18th in GS. **Luke** expressed, “The meet was great fun; we all had a good time skiing, and the snow held up better than expected. The boys got second to Cadillac, who always has a strong time, so it was a good finish for us”. **Braydon**, also a team captain, placed an impressive 3rd place in both Slalom and GS. Meanwhile, the girls ranked a skillful 3rd place overall, with **Alejandra** finishing in 28th place in Slalom and 32nd in GS. **Annika** achieved a 19th place finish in Slalom and a 21st place finish in GS, exclaiming, “Cabrafae is a fun race because it isn't as steep as Crystal Mountain, so it was an easy race, and the snow was surprisingly good. I have a lot of fun racing, and the season is pretty short, so I like to enjoy every race”. This makes another triumph for the ski team in what has been a successful season thus far.





# THINKING ABOUT SPRING SPORTS?



*Written by Libby McCarthy*



As February rolls around, winter sports will enter their post seasons and slowly come to an end. Although the end of the winter season seems so far, the spring sports will quickly begin. If you are considering joining or are playing a spring sport, it is very important that you and your team prepare preseason in order to have a successful season!

Spring sports include track and field, baseball, softball, girls tennis, boys golf, and girls soccer. Each of these sports are filled with talented guys and girls that are so excited to finish off the 2023-24 school year strong! In order to do so, preparing before hand will set each MHS spring sports team up for success.



It has been awhile sense we've played/competed in these sports so shaking the rust off before competitions and games start is very important! Also, getting in shape so you can compete to your best abilities on the field, track, green, and court. Many springs sports have already started conditioning! Baseball (Coached by head coach **Dave Edmondson**) and girls soccer (Coached by **Mrs. Adamski** and **Mrs. Smith**) have gathered their athletes to prepare for the exciting season ahead! You can reach out to either of these coaches and their athletes to get an early start to the spring season.



Try something new this spring! All of these teams are full of welcoming coaches and players that would love some extra bodies! And if you are returning back to your sport, put in some extra work!! Help lead your team to victory this spring and perform to your best abilities!!

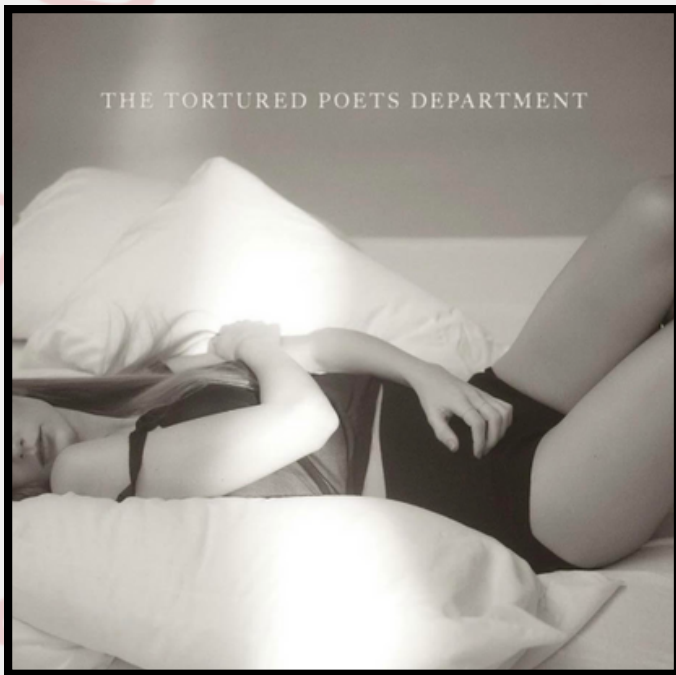


# THE GRAMMY'S DEBRIEFED

Written by Kate Somsel

This previous Sunday, the biggest annual music event, the Grammys, was held at 8 PM in Los Angeles. Here are some of the key highlights:

1. Going into the night, SZA had the most nominations, with nine. Phoebe Bridgers followed close behind with nine, and she went home with the most wins of the night with four— one solo and three with her band BoyGenius.
2. Taylor Swift added her fourth Grammy to the category: Album of the Year. This broke the record of Grammys in that section. Was this enough to get the Swifties on their toes? Nope! When Taylor Swift won her thirteenth Grammy, she announced her new album, "The Tortured Poets Department," which is coming out on April 19th. She actually went backstage during her speech to post the update on Instagram!



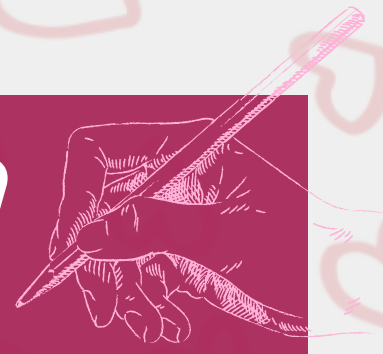
3. Joni Mitchell, at the grand age of 80, performed a song called "Both Sides Out" from her hit album Clouds (1969). This was her first Grammy performance, and according to Brandi Carlile, it was "one of the most influential and emotionally generous creators in human history."
4. The Barbie movie, Billie Eilish, and "What Was I Made For" all worked together to win a combined total of three Grammys. What about "I'm Just Ken"?
5. Rapper Killer Mike was nominated in three categories and won in all three, which is impressive! But fans were confused when he was escorted out of the Grammy's in handcuffs. It was later found out he was escorted due to a "physical altercation" at the arena where the Grammys were being held.

Despite all of the positives of the night, many fans were saddened. One was **Will Somsel (12)**, who complained, "Why did Taylor Swift win so many? Zach Bryan should've won them all!" **Senior Ceci Postma** added, "I was surprised to see Noah Kahan didn't receive a Grammy this year because of all the traction he's gained with young people. He's put out a lot of touching music and worked multiple EPs that so many people, including myself, have loved!"





# STAFF



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*"The shell must break before  
the bird can fly."*



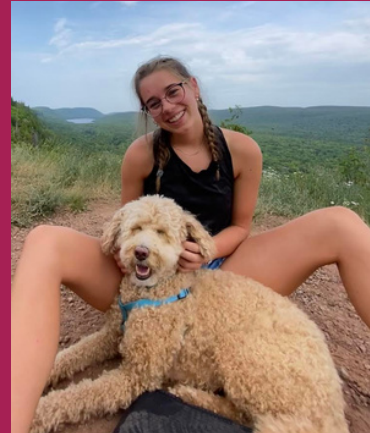
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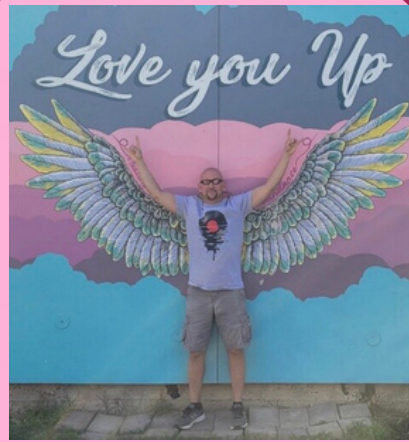
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*"Don't let the muggles get  
you down"  
-Ron Weasley*





**Marina Reid (12)**  
*Writer*



**Mr. Joseph  
Advisor**

*"You only become who you are  
by refusing what others have  
made of you"*  
**-Albert Camus**

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